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Rate of Literacy
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the male and female rate of literacy among muslim community at present in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more girls hostels and model degree colleges in various districts of the country especially in minority dominated districts during the 12th Five Year Plan to further increase their rate of literacy;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and location-wise; and

(d) the time by which these hostels and colleges are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): As per Census 2011, the literacy rate among Muslims is 68.5% (Muslim Males- 74.7% and Muslim Females- 62%), which is higher as compared to the literacy rate of 59.1% among Muslims as per 2001.

(b) to (d): During the 12th Plan, under the scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), the Ministry of Minority Affairs has sanctioned for setting up of 15 Degree Colleges and 592 Hostels (77 hostels completed), including Girl Hostels in the minority concentration areas. The State-wise details are at Annexure-I. Further, the Ministry of Human Resource Development implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening boarding and hostel facilities for girl students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools to enhance access of girl child to secondary stage of schooling and to retain them in the Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs). The scheme, presently subsumed with Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), targets the girl students in the age group of 14-18 years and belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minority communities and below poverty line families. So far, 2,226 girls hostels are approved under the scheme. The State-wise details of such hostels approved, completed, functional and enrolment in functional hostels are given in Annexure-II.

Besides above, the UGC has been implementing a scheme of Women's Hostel in colleges during 12th Plan. The state-wise details of girl's hostels approved in the Minority Concentrated Districts during 12th Plan are given at Annexure-III.

As regards the Model Degree Colleges (MDC), it is stated that the Ministry of Human Resource Development implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), aimed at, inter-alia, correcting regional imbalances in access to higher education, especially in unserved and underserved areas by setting up quality higher educational institutions and upgrading existing ones during the 12th Plan. Under RUSA, setting up of 72 new MDCs and up gradation of 55 existing colleges to MDCs in the Educationally Backward Districts have been taken up. Out of these, 15 MDCs and Upgradation of 4 existing colleges to MDCs are in minority dominated EBDs as detailed in Annexure-IV.

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